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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Masahiro Matsuo

Application No.: 09/879,584

Art Unit: 1751

Filed: June 12, 2001

Examiner: K. M. Vijayakumar

For: PASTE FOR FORMING THICK FILM,  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
THEREOF, AND FILTER APPARATUS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

X There are no amendments to the Specification.

X There are no amendments to the Claims.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☐ If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	25	MINUS	25**	=	0	X		\$
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TOTAL								\$ -0-

\* not less than 20

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.